GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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RECRUITMENT AGENCIES
RENU KUMARI SINGH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some people and institutes functioning in an illegal manner in various cities especially in Delhi on the pretext of providing jobs to unemployed youth in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the number of such persons/institutes that have come to the notice of the Government who are running such rackets during the last two years and till date;

(c) whether these persons/institutes are forcing the youth to work against their will by retaining their passports with them; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to help such youth working abroad on compulsion and to get rid of such a misery?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The number of complaints received during the years 1999,2000 and till date during 2001 is as under:-

1999	2000	2001
101	84	33

(c) and (d): Sporadic complaints are received relating to retention of passports of youths working abroad. As and when such complaints are received the Indian Missions/local agents are requested/directed to settle the matter with the help of concerned Governments/ Sponsors. If the recruiting agent does not comply with the directions of the Government, action is taken to suspend/ cancel the registration of recruiting agent. Foreign employers who violate the terms of employment are placed in the `Prior Approval Category`. As and when the workers approach the Indian Mission, they are provided all possible help.